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HB 1339

**Sales and Use Tax and Personal
Property Tax – Exemptions
– Data Centers**

County Position: SUPPORT

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Committee: Ways & Means

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for House Bill 1339 – Sales and Use Tax and Personal Property Tax – Exemptions – Data Centers.

Economic growth and development is crucial to the well-being of our county and our state in serving the needs of our residents, but to ensure a supply of employment and economic opportunity that affords all Marylanders the ability to thrive and to participate in all aspects of our society.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Exempts Qualified Data Centers from the sales and use tax for specific sale of personal property, which will result in positioning the State to attract multi-million dollar data facilities to Maryland;
- Enables flexibility for local governments to apply local tax policy to optimally benefit and address their unique positions, capacities, and needs;
- Results in attracting and retaining businesses that will generate substantial additional payroll, real property, business and corporate income to the State and to local governments, establish high-paying and meaningful jobs, and further develop Maryland's business infrastructure that will in turn attract other business and jobs;
- Generates substantial economic activity that will result in needed state and local revenue to support critical services, including public safety and education; and
- Establishes requirements with regards to what constitutes a Qualified Data Center that ensures a level of economic benefit that will both generate meaningful economic activity and high-paying, high-quality jobs.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 1339.

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